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Addressed to Foreign Office telegram No.149 of March 28. Repeated for information to: Bahrain, Baghdad and Cairo

My telegram No.136: Kuwait-Iraq Pour parlers.

The Amir sent to inform me yesterday evening that the Committee of the Council of Ministers had now reported. It had been decided to send Jasim al Sagr (of the Kuwaiti Sagr family, but Iragi nationality) with a letter to President 'Aref from the Amir.

2. The letter would contain only polite expressions of goodwill. Sagr would however be authorized to inform the Iraqi Government that the Kuwait Government were unwilling to enter into further discussions in advance of unconditioned Iraqi recognition of the State of Kuwait. Thereafter, Kuwait would be happy to enter into further talks, but her own Constitution which defined Kuwait as an Arab State and would be no bar to her joining a larger Arab federation eventually, precluded her from becoming a part of Iraq or any other single Arab State.

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from the Charge in Kuwait reporting remarks

by the Kuwaiti Foreign Minister additional to

held in New telegram No. 158 [or

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FOREIGN OFFICE, S.W.1.

March 29, 1963.

Dear Chancery,

With reference to your Telegram No. 138 of March 24, the United States Embassy have shown us a telegram from the Chargé in Kuwait reporting further statements by the Kuwaiti Foreign Minister on the talks held in Baghdad.

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Yours ever,

ARABIAN DEPARTMENT.

The Chancery,
British Embassy,
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